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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

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The Highway Patrol has filled a substantial number of vacancies for the Southern Command, The number of vacancies currently held by the Southern Command is 4.

Southern Command personnel handled 1008 crashes as compared to 1082 crashes in May of 2004. This was a decrease of 3%. Crashes resulting in fatalities dropped 22% as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 7 fatal crashes in May 2005 and 9 fatal crashes in May 2004. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 37% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 73 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were no fatalities; 17 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 56 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 7.2% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1181 crash reports and 366 arrest reports during May 2005. This resulted in 6495 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers reflect a 0.8% increase as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services decreased by 18% when comparing May 2004. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 25,275 CAD incidents and 36,432 telephone calls received.

The Southern Command had a decrease in overall enforcement of 6.7% in May 2005, as compared to the previous month. Total DUI arrests were also down, while other arrests were up 1.9%, and total persons arrested decrease by 14% as compared to May 2004. The Commercial Operations Section showed a significant increase in hazardous moving violation citations compared to last May, up 56%.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties faced with increasing work loads, pay disparity, and insufficient staffing levels. The 25,275 incidents/contacts with the public in May can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, these contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command has moved into the new facility at 4615 W. Sunset Rd. Personnel are excited and very proud of their new state-of-the-art facility.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

## CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	May 2005		May 2004	% Change		April 2005	% Change
Total crashes	1008		1082	-6.8%		1043	-3.4%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	723		795	-9.1%		762	-5.1%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	278		278	0.0%		276	0.7%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	7		9	-22.2%		5	40.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	41		57	-28.1%		57	-28.1%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	9		10	-10.0%		5	80.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		2	0.0%		0	200.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		3	-66.7%		2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3		0	300.0%		1	200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		0	200.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1		4	-75.0%		2	-50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	73		53	37.7%		58	25.9%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	56		38	47.4%		42	33.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	17		14	21.4%		15	13.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%

## CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.1%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 37.5%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 7.2%
- ✱ Total crashes down 6.8% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 37% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes reduced 22% from last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	May 2005		May 2004	% Change		April 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	41		57	-28.1%		57	-28.1%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	107		168	-36.3%		150	-28.7%
Other arrests	803		788	1.9%		872	-7.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	326		381	-14.4%		388	-16.0%
Speed violations	2657		3033	-12.4%		2543	4.5%
Hazardous moving violations	1768		2063	-14.3%		2126	-16.8%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	569		811	-29.8%		478	19.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	8222		9769	-15.8%		8813	-6.7%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	61		39	56.4%		56	8.9%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	64		193	-66.8%		80	-20.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	403		817	-50.7%		405	-0.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	9		n/a	#VALUE!		n/a	#VALUE!
Total safety violations -- citation	111		309	-64.1%		207	-46.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	841		2358	-64.3%		1533	-45.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	60		160	-62.5%		81	-25.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	45		67	-32.8%		54	-16.7%
Total school buses inspected	25		1	2400.0%		243	-89.7%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	4		0	400.0%		45	-91.1%
Total trucks weighed	322		1641	-80.4%		242	33.1%
Total overweight citations	18		47	-61.7%		63	-71.4%
Total dyed fuel inspections	400		809	-50.6%		398	0.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	3		0	300.0%		2	50.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		38		3
Safety Violations Citation	0		41		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		147		1
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		7		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0				
Dyed Fuel Citations	0				

## OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.159%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years old.
- ✱ 7% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance. (pending)
- ✱ 4% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is down 15% from last year and down 6% from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 56% from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are down 50% from last year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	May-05		May-04	% Change		April-05	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	163145		N/A	N/A		79796	104.5%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	333815		N/A	N/A		135736	145.9%
CAD Incidents	25275		21385	18.2%		16699	51.4%
Telephone Calls	36432		36238	0.5%		33862	7.6%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	121		150	-19.3%		114	6.1%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1181		1074	10.0%		1071	10.3%
Arrest Reports Processed	366		321	14.0%		336	8.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	21		31	-32.3%		17	23.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	197		94	109.6%		186	5.9%
Visitors at Counter	657		806	-18.5%		637	3.1%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	6495		6443	0.8%		6158	5.5%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	380		899	-57.7%		461	-17.6%
Warrants Entered	31		15	106.7%		397	-92.2%
Warrants Cleared	130		7343	-98.2%		201	-35.3%
Warrants Validated	1449		1797	-19.4%		1121	29.3%
Extradition / Transports	9		15	-40.0%		12	-25.0%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	69		99	-30.3%		146	-52.7%
New Items Submitted	176		155	13.5%		261	-32.6%
Items Disposed	122		34	258.8%		2321	-94.7%

\*\*Radio TX unavailable due to 800 transitions

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- ✱ 9 Contracts requiring 263.50 work hours, billing \$12,426.00

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 92.8% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 4.3% of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 2.9 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0% of case submissions.

**AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS**

- ✱ 5 missions flown.
- ✱ 3 Prisoner transports.

**COMMENDATIONS**

- ✱ 3 from public to sworn

**PUBLIC INFORMATION****HEAT program: Traffic Safety Classes:**

The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Troopers assisted with numerous programs. Troopers were guest speakers for programs such as the D.A.R.E. Graduations; Click it or ticket, and K.C.R.V. summer driving tips. The K.C.R.V. program was a live remote to prepare drivers for the Memorial weekend drive.

Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and HEAT truck to take to several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety. Five Elementary Schools with over 200 children educated.

**Special Olympics: Summer Games**

Troopers and Civilian personnel assisted for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row to help support the athletes of the Special Olympics Summer game competition. A parade of Police Cars drove the torch down the Las Vegas Strip with the H.E.A.T. vehicles taking the lead. Troopers and civilian personnel assisted with the distribution of the Medals, timing the runners, scoring and ranking the gymnastics competition and numerous other events.

**Public Requests for Information: 57**

4 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints  
53 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

**Press releases: 8**

5 were Fatal related  
3 NHP new building, Special Olympics and Click it or Ticket